Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: Are not the Government spending Rs. 50 per mile for deepening the river in a certain place?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: That is being done for maintaining a channel.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: May I know whether the channel once opened up will be improved next year on account of it being silted up?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: Yes, Sir.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: Will not the removal of silt in the Alwaye river where people flock, make it a better health resort?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: I do not think so.

Mr. N. V. Chacko: May I know whether water of the Alwaye river is utilised by other places?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: Yes, Sir.

Mr. N. V. Chacko: Is it in any way responsible for diminution of water in the river at Alwaye?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: Not to any appreciable extent.

Construction of the Alwaye bridge.

5. ***Mr. N. V. Chacko**: Will the Government be pleased to state when the construction of the Alwaye bridge is expected to be over and the bridge made available for purposes of traffic?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: The end of 1114 M. E.

Destruction of crops by floods in Kunnatnad, Muvattupuzha and Parur.

6. ***Mr. N. V. Chacko**: Will the Government be pleased to state the average amount of destruction of crops in paddy lands owing to floods every year in the taluks of Kunnatnad, Muvattupuzha and Parur?

Mr. K. George (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): No statistics are available.

Mr. K. R. Elenkath: May I know whether it is the practice of Government to grant remission of tax on account of floods?

Mr. K. George: No. There has been no such case so far as I remember for remission of tax on that ground.

Mr. K. M. Korah (*Vaikom, Kottayam and Changanacherry cum Peermade*): May I know why it is said that no statistics are available in regard to destruction of crops owing to floods?

Mr. K. George: I asked for information from the Peishkars about the matter. They reported that they have no information.

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